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Everyone,

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. You recently got revised meeting notices from me for January 26 and February 15. I thought it might also be helpful to give you a brief update on what our current thinking is for potential agenda items for those meetings and to provide you an overview of the results of the December 19-20 Principal Staff Committee (PSC), particularly since there was no formal announcement of draft planning targets.

For the January Steering Committee meeting, as promised, Peter Claggett from the Bay Program Office and Matt Johnston will provide you with the additional detail you requested on how the Sector Growth data was compiled and how they are planning to compile the different scenarios. Peter is leading this effort with the Land Use Workgroup. In addition, the Local Area Planning Goals Workgroup has an excellent framework for the “recipe” box that was requested at your last meeting. We might also have the details worked out for the rest of the Public Engagement Strategy by January. If not, this will be finalized at our February meeting.

As a reminder, we have been discussing at a couple of our previous Steering Committee and Workgroup Co-chair Meetings that there is a significant amount of information that is needed from each sector workgroup relative to the suite of BMPs that should be a priority, the level of effort that can be implemented and the associated reductions that can be achieved from our existing programs across the watershed. The results of these analyses will be the focus of our February meeting. For reference, I have attached our draft *Phase 3 WIP Development Guide*. I would like to see how far we can get with the questions under the “Sector Specific Plans” starting on page 5. Kristen, Jennifer and I are working on some further information and concepts on how to present this for your review and input at our January 26 Workgroup Co-chairs Meeting that we will be sharing with you within the next week.

Finally, an update on the progress of the Partnership to complete the Midpoint Assessment. Unfortunately, the PSC was not quite able to come to consensus on all of the major decisions that we described for you at our December meeting. Another meeting will be scheduled for mid-February, 2018 to finish this work. However,

this does not mean our work needs to stop. The numbers presented to you at our meeting on December 13 will not change that much, if at all, to impact the work that we have all started. The PSC did approve the Phase 6 modeling tools, agreed to the framework for addressing Sector Growth and have moved forward to add more details to the idea of a separate WIP for Conowingo Dam. Comments from PSC members on a draft concept paper for Conowingo Dam are due January 15. They also drafted a three pronged approach to climate change that is basically just a re-wording of the language I shared with you at our December meeting. The only remaining issue is the finalization of the draft planning targets themselves. They have asked the Bay Program Office for a little more analysis of the assimilative capacity of the Bay before making a decision. These analyses will be completed by the end of January for a February meeting of the PSC. This will also extend the Review Specific Period three weeks.

As always, any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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